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Administration: The cadre and recruitment rules of the department have recently been approved. At present a skeleton staff is working. There are 5 branches, viz., Historical Records Section, General Records Section, Record Management Section, Administrative Section and Spare Copy Wing. Establishment of Archival Bindery Unit has been approved at a cost of Rs.15,000/-. and Microfilm equipments were purchased at a cost of Rs.1,44,000/-. A Reader-cum-Projector was also obtained for the Department. The unit will start functioning as soon as trained personnel is appointed.

Budget: During 1975-76 a sum of Rs.2,47,780.00 was spent out of budget provision of Rs.3,21,000.00 on the non-plan side. In the plan budget, a sum of Rs.2,16,640.08 was spent out of a budget provision of Rs.5,00,000.00. For 1976-77 a budget provision of Rs.3,79,000.00 was made on the non-plan side and Rs.5,00,000.00 on the plan side.

Building: The Archives Department is accommodated in Vidhana Soudha, Ground Floor, Bangalore. Proposal to the Government for according sanction of a separate site and building at a cost of Rs.30 lakhs during the Fifth Five Year Plan was submitted.

Record Management: Trilateral series pertaining to the Secretariat Department was examined, Thirteen per cent papers were marked for retention and eighty seven per cent for weeding. Retention Schedule was followed while appraising the papers.

Research and Reference: 29 scholars availed themselves of the research facilities. 262 records were requisitioned by the Government agencies and 870 by research scholars. 14 queries from Government agencies and individuals were attended to.

Reference Media: Seven booklets of reference media were completed during the period under report.

Publication Programme: No publication programme has been undertaken as yet.

Preservation of Records: No work was done in this regard as bindery unit is yet to be started.

Photo-duplication: The State Archives has its own microfilming unit. 836 exposures and 1,043 photo copies were taken.

Library: 508 books were acquired. The library consists of two divisions, one is central reference and the other is Archival Library. In all 516 books were acquired and efforts are being made for the expansion of the library.

In the absence of the functionally designed archival building and technically trained staff saotisfactory progress on the development of archives was not made.